GTE CORPORATION

RESOLVED: That the proper officers of the Corporation, GTE Service Corporation, and any direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Corporation are authorized to sell and/or exchange for telecommunication properties the switched access lines identified in Exhibit A (the "Specified Lines") and any additional switched access lines as such officers deem advisable; provided, however, that (i) the aggregate number of switched access lines sold, net of any switched access lines acquired in any exchange, shall not exceed one million six hundred thousand (1,600,000) plus the number of switched access lines in the exchanges identified in Exhibit A which represents normal growth in such exchanges since December 31, 1997 (the "Expansion Lines"), and (ii) not more than three hundred thousand (300,000) of the switched access lines that are sold or exchanged shall be access lines that are not Specified Lines or Expansion Lines.

RESOLVED: That the proper officers of the Corporation, GTE Service Corporation, and any direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Corporation are authorized to effect the sale and/or exchange of access lines as described in the preceding resolution without any further approval of this Board, provided, however, that any single transaction shall not exceed two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250 million) of net book value.

RESOLVED: That the proper officers of the Corporation, GTE Service Corporation and any direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Corporation are authorized to enter into agreements, make regulatory filings and take any and all other actions that said officers, acting individually, deem necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of the foregoing resolutions, and that the authority of the officer to take such action shall be conclusively evidenced by his or her taking such action.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned Ronald B. Spring, Assistant Secretary of GTE Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (the "Corporation"), HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors in conformance with applicable law and the bylaws of said Corporation on the 3rd day of September, 1998.

I further certify that said resolution has not been amended or revoked and is still in full force and effect, that it was unanimously adopted by a quorum, and that the same appears of record in the minute book of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name as Assistant Secretary and affixed the seal of said Corporation, this 26th day of January, 2000.

Ronald B. Spring

Assistant Secretary

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| KEFOSITIO | | Number of | |
| Sale | Märket Cluster | Exchanges | Total Lines |
| ALABAMA | ALBERTA AL | 3 | 2,226 17,045 |
| ALABAMA | ANDALUSIA AL | 4 | 15,581 |
| ALABAMA | ASHLAND AL | 10 | 11,832 |
| ALABAMA | BAYOU LA BATRE AL | 5 | 4,629 |
| ALABAMA | BRUNDIDGE AL | 4 | 4,629 694 |
| ALABAMA | COFFEEVILLE AL | 1 | |
| ALABAMA | DOTHAN AL | 18 | 104,002 |
| ALABAMA | FALKVILLE AL | 3 . | 2,841 |
| ALABAMA | GREENVILLE AL | 9 | 16,163 |
| ALABAMA | HALEYVILLE AL | 8 | 24,493 |
| ALABAMA | JEMISON AL | 3 | 5,504 |
| ALABAMA | REFORM AL | 6 | 8,838 |
| ALABAMA | SCOTTSBORO AL | 3 | 13,551 |
| ALABAMA | TALLASSEE AL | 2 | 6,195 |
| ALABAMA | TRUSSVILLE AL | 4 | 20,582 |
| ALABAMA | VALLEY HEAD AL | 2 | 1,705 |
| ALABAMA | VERNON AL | 5 | 12,069 |
| ALABAMA Total | | 90 | 267,950 |
| ALASKA | ALASKA AK | 12 | 12,601 12,601 |
| ALASKA Total | | 12 | 801 |
| ARIZONA | EHRENBERG AZ | 2 | 7,392 |
| ARIZONA | PARKER AZ | 4 | 8,193 |
| ARIZONA Total | | 6 | 6,684 |
| ARKANSAS | ALMA AR | 3 | 14,463 |
| ARKANSAS | BALD KNOB AR | 11 | 7,97 |
| ARKANSAS | DUMAS AR | 4 | 15,45 |
| ARKANSAS | GREENWOOD AR | 7 | 35,943 |
| ARKANSAS | JACKSONVILLE AR | 5 | 1,45 |
| ARKANSAS | MARVEL AR | 1 | 12,50 |
| ARKANSAS | OZARK AR | 5 | 5.83 |
| ARKANSAS | PIGGOTT AR | 7 | 13,96 |
| ARKANSAS | POCAHONTAS AR | 10 | 4,20 |
| ARKANSAS | PRESCOTT AR | 3 | 43,86 |
| ARKANSAS | RUSSELLVILLE AR | 13 | 18,01 |
| ARKANSAS | SILOAM SPRINGS AR | 9 | 19,82 |
| ARKANSAS | STUTTGART AR | 14 | 2,55 |
| ARKANSAS | TEXARKANA AR | 11 | 10,59 |
| ARKANSAS | TRUMANN AR | 7 | 1,93 |
| ARKANSAS | WALDO AR | 2 | |
| ARKANSAS Total | | 102 | 215,2 |
| CALIFORNIA | BLYTHE CA | 2 | 9,5 |
| | CRESCENT CITY CA | 5 | 13,5 |
| CALIFORNIA | GARBERVILLE CA | 6 | 4,6 |
| CALIFORNIA | LAYTONVILLE CA | 2 | 2,6 |
| CALIFORNIA | ORICK CA | 1 | 3 |
| CALIFORNIA | UNION OA | | |

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| REPOSITIO | | Number of: | A September 2018 1999 |
| Sate Sate | Market Cluster | Exchanges | Total Lines |
| CALIFORNIA | PARKER DAM CA | 4 | 3,156 |
| CALIFORNIA | WEAVERVILLE CA | 5 | 8,238 |
| CALIFORNIA Total | | 25 | 42,137 10,167 |
| ILLINOIS | ALEDO IL | 16 | 7,549 |
| ILLINOIS | ALTAMONT IL | 8 | |
| ILLINOIS | BUNKER HILL IL | 1 | 1,344 12,815 |
| ILLINOIS | CARLINVILLE IL | 9 | 8,056 |
| ILLINOIS | CARTHAGE IL | 11 | |
| ILLINOIS | CORDOVA IL | 6 | 6,596 794 |
| ILLINOIS | CUBA IL | 1 | 2,407 |
| ILLINOIS | EAST DUBUQUE IL | 1 | 38,930 |
| ILLINOIS | FREEPORT IL | 22 | |
| ILLINOIS | JACKSONVILLE IL | 23 | 30,944 |
| ILLINOIS | JERSEYVILLE IL | 11 | 10,632 687 |
| ILLINOIS | KILBOURNE IL | 2 | <u> </u> |
| ILLINOIS | MACOMB IL | 13 | 26,076 |
| ILLINOIS | MASON CITY IL | 3 | 3,226 |
| ILLINOIS | NEW BADEN IL | 10 | 7,04 |
| ILLINOIS | PITTSFIELD IL | 10 | 10,51 |
| ILLINOIS | POLO IL | 6 | 6,42 |
| ILLINOIS | PROPHETSTOWN IL | 7 | 9,68 |
| ILLINOIS | SHUMWAY IL | 3 | 4,65 8,58 |
| ILLINOIS | VIRDEN IL | 7 | |
| ILLINOIS | WALTONVILLE IL | 13 | 8,59 215,72 |
| ILLINOIS Total | | 183 | 11,16 |
| IOWA | CENTERVILLE IA | 11 | 4,37 |
| IOWA | CLARINDA IA | 4 | 4,37 |
| IOWA | COON RAPIDS IA | 8 | 9,24 |
| IOWA | CRESCO IA | 12 | 10,3 |
| IOWA | CRESTON IA | 15 | 16,2 |
| IOWA | DE WITT IA | 15 | 6,9 |
| IOWA | DYERSVILLE IA | 9 | 8,3 |
| IOWA | ELDORA IA | 10 | 4,6 |
| IOWA | EMMETSBURG IA | 6 | 18,0 |
| IOWA | FAIRFIELD IA | 19 | 2,3 |
| IOWA | FOREST CITY IA | 11 | 6,7 |
| IOWA | GRUNDY CENTER IA | 5 | 8,8 |
| IOWA | GUTHRIE CENTER IA | 13 | 16,3 |
| IOWA | HARLAN IA | 20 | |
| IOWA | HARTLEY IA | 10 | 5,: |
| IOWA | KLEMME IA | 2 | |
| IOWA | KNOXVILLE IA | 6 | 8, |
| IOWA | MADRID IA | 3 | 3, |

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| Sale Sale | Market Cluster | Exchanges 18 | 14,329 |
| IOWA | MANCHESTER IA | 2 | 3,796 |
| IOWA | MARENGO IA | 27 | 21,871 |
| IOWA | MOUNT PLEASANT IA | 7 | 7,601 |
| IOWA | - NEW HAMPTON IA | 14 | 31,716 |
| IOWA | NEWTON IA | 13 | 11,593 |
| IOWA | OSCEOLA IA | 13 | 7,966 |
| IOWA | ROCKWELL CITY IA | | 922 |
| IOWA | SCHLESWIG IA | 2 | 11,206 |
| IOWA | STATE CENTER IA | 12 | 833 |
| IOWA | SWEA CITY IA | 2 | 2,507 |
| IOWA | TABOR IA | 6 | 647 |
| IOWA | UTE IA | 2 | 15,488 |
| IOWA | WASHINGTON IA | 12 | 276,444 |
| IOWA Total | | 296 | 276,444 977 |
| MINNESOTA | BELGRADE MN | 2 | |
| MINNESOTA | BIGELOW MN | 1 | 177 |
| MINNESOTA | CHERRY GROVE MN | 3 | 2,308 |
| MINNESOTA | CLARKFIELD MN | 3 | 1,282 |
| MINNESOTA | CLEARWATER MN | 2 | 3,394 |
| MINNESOTA | ELY MN | 7 | 10,792 |
| MINNESOTA | ERICKSBURG MN | 7 | 7,818 |
| MINNESOTA | FINLAYSON MN | 3 | 1,702 |
| MINNESOTA | FLOODWOOD MN | 7 | 3,426 |
| MINNESOTA | GREANEY MN | 2 | 336 |
| MINNESOTA | HECTOR MN | 8 | 5,25 |
| MINNESOTA | HERMAN MN | 2 | 2,019 |
| MINNESOTA | ISABELLA MN | 11 | 88 |
| MINNESOTA | JASPER MN | 2 | 1,01 |
| MINNESOTA | LYLE MN | 14 | 11,62 |
| MINNESOTA | MCGREGOR MN | 6 | 4,01 |
| MINNESOTA | MILACA MN | 7 | 8,72 |
| MINNESOTA | MOUND | 12 | 34,162 |
| MINNESOTA | MOUNTAIN LAKE MN | 5 | 2,84 |
| MINNESOTA | OSLO MN | 7 | 4,94 |
| MINNESOTA | STURGEON LAKE MN | 3 | 1,76 |
| MINNESOTA | TWO HARBORS MN | 2 | 4,46 |
| MINNESOTA | TYLER MN | 6 | 2,82 |
| MINNESOTA | WEST CONCORD MN | 4 | 7,49 |
| MINNESOTA Total | 1120100110011 | 116 | 123,45 |
| | BRUNSWICK MO | 3 | 1,36 |
| MISSOURI | CAMERON MO | 14 | 16,5 |
| MISSOURI | CHAMOIS MO | 3 | 1,69 |
| MISSOURI MISSOURI | CONCORDIA MO | 1 | 2,09 |

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| | 是一种中央中央中央中央 | Number of | Total Lines |
| Sales | Market Cluster | Exchanges: | 12,710 |
| MISSOURI | ELDORADO SPRINGS MO | 1 | 2,60 |
| MISSOURI | HERMANN MO | 4 | 3,43 |
| MISSOURI | LICKING MO | 5 | 8,56 |
| MISSOURI | MACON MO | 5 | 3,71 |
| MISSOURI | MEMPHIS MO | 8 | 11,96 |
| MISSOURI | MOUNTAIN GROVE MO | 15 | 13,37 |
| MISSOURI | PALMYRA MO | 12 | 14,00 |
| MISSOURI | POTOSI MO | 1 | 37 |
| MISSOURI | ROCKVILLE MO | 10 | 5,99 |
| MISSOURI | SAVANNAH MO | 8 | 13,59 |
| MISSOURI | ST. JAMES MO | 6 | 5,3 |
| MISSOURI | VAN BUREN MO | 109 | 117,3 |
| MISSOURI Total | | 8 | 19,4 |
| NEBRASKA | COLUMBUS NE | 7 | 23,6 |
| NEBRASKA | KEARNEY NE | 7 | 6,4 |
| NEBRASKA | NELIGH NE | 2 | 2,5 |
| NEBRASKA | ORD NE | 1 | 4 |
| NEBRASKA | PALMER NE | 12 | 5,2 |
| NEBRASKA | STAMFORD NE | 37 | 57,7 |
| NEBRASKA Total | | 31 | 17,8 |
| NEW MEXICO | CARLSBAD NM NM | 4 | 2,6 |
| NEW MEXICO | CHAMA NM | 6 | 3, |
| NEW MEXICO | CUBA NM | 9 | 15,8 |
| NEW MEXICO | ESPANOLA NM | 5 | 27,0 |
| NEW MEXICO | HOBBS NM | 6 | 13, |
| NEW MEXICO | RUIDOSO NM | 3 | 6, |
| NEW MEXICO | CONSEQUENCES NM | 36 | 87, |
| NEW MEXICO Total | | 12 | 73, |
| OKLAHOMA | BROKEN ARROW OK | 1 1 | 3, |
| OKLAHOMA | CHECOTAH OK | 1 | |
| OKLAHOMA | COLCORD OK | 5 | 4 |
| OKLAHOMA | HOMINY OK | 1 | |
| OKLAHOMA | KAW CITY OK | 5 | 11 |
| OKLAHOMA | PURCELL OK | 1 | 2 |
| OKLAHOMA | STROUD OK | 6 | 8 |
| OKLAHOMA | TECUMSEH OK | 32 | 105 |
| OKLAHOMA Total | | | 6 |
| TEXAS | ANDREWS TX | 2 | 2 |
| TEXAS | AVALON TX | 4 | |
| TEXAS | BOGATA TX | 2 | |
| TEXAS | CLARKSVILLE TX | 3 | |
| TEXAS | CLYDE TX | 4 | |
| TEXAS | COLMESNEIL TX | 11 | |

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| / State | Market Cluster | Number of | |
| TEXAS | CROCKETT TX | Exchanges: | |
| TEXAS | | 8 | 18,445 |
| TEXAS | CROSBYTON TX | 6 | 5,882 |
| | CROSS PLAINS TX | 3 | 2,456 |
| TEXAS | CUSHING TX | 2 | 1,216 |
| TEXAS | DANGERFIELD TX | 8 | 12,571 |
| TEXAS | DEL RIO TX | 2 | 20,400 |
| TEXAS | DENVER CITY TX | 2 | 4,007 |
| TEXAS | DETROIT TX | 3 | 1,205 |
| TEXAS | DILLEY TX | 1 | 1,204 |
| TEXAS | DIMMIT TX | 6 | 6,290 |
| TEXAS | DUMAS TX | 8 | 14,885 |
| TEXAS | FABENS TX | 2 | 3,414 |
| TEXAS | FAIRFIELD TX | 11 | 14,109 |
| TEXAS | FALFURRIAS TX | 2 | 4,564 |
| TEXAS | FERRIS TX | 4 | 5,429 |
| TEXAS | FOLLETT TX | 2 | 793 |
| TEXAS | FRANKLIN TX | 1 | 2,415 |
| TEXAS | GARY TX | 1 | 594 |
| TEXAS | GLEN ROSE TX | 3 | 4,091 |
| TEXAS | HASKELL TX | 5 | 3,946 |
| TEXAS | HEMPHILL TX | 5 | 6,799 |
| TEXAS | HUBBARD TX | 6 | 3,132 |
| TEXAS | HUNTINGTON TX | 3 | 4,741 |
| TEXAS | JOAQUIN TX | 2 | 2,193 |
| TEXAS | KAMAY TX | 2 | 1,528 |
| TEXAS | KARNACK TX | 2 | 1,420 |
| TEXAS | LAMESA TX | 1 | 5,599 |
| TEXAS | LEVELLAND TX | 16 | 25,738 |
| TEXAS | LORAINE TX | 2 | 938 |
| TEXAS | MAUD TX | 3 | 3,198 |
| TEXAS | MEMPHIS TX | 7 | 5,785 |
| TEXAS | MERKEL TX | 1 | 1,886 |
| TEXAS | MORTON TX | 2 | 1,361 |
| TEXAS | NEWTON TX | 3 | 3,689 |
| TEXAS | NORMANGEE TX | 5 | 4,037 |
| TEXAS | PANHANDLE TX | 9 | 7,668 |
| TEXAS | PECOS TX | 8 | 6,048 |
| TEXAS | PERRYTON TX | 4 | 7,949 |
| TEXAS | POST TX | 1 | 1,961 |
| TEXAS | RIESEL TX | 1 | 905 |
| TEXAS | ROANE TX | 3 | 1,395 |
| TEXAS | ROSEBUD TX | 5 | 3,734 |
| TEXAS | SEYMOUR TX | 6 | 5,810 |

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| REPOSITIO | MING RESOLUTION | Number of | |
| Šate - Sate | Market Cluster | Exchanges | Total Lines |
| TEXAS | TEXARKANA TX | 5 | 60,275 |
| TEXAS | TULIA TX | 1 | 2,431 |
| TEXAS | VAN HORN TX | 3 | 1,946 |
| TEXAS | VEGA TX | 3 | 1,110 |
| TEXAS | VENUS TX | 3 | 2,450 |
| | WHITNEY TX | 1 | 4,600 |
| TEXAS TEXAS Total | | 209 | 328,84 |
| | BOYCEVILLE WI | 6 | 6,00 |
| WISCONSIN | DODGEVILLE WI | 13 | 16,60 |
| WISCONSIN | GILLETT WI | 2 | 3,41 |
| WISCONSIN | HAYWARD WI | 4 | 10,10 |
| WISCONSIN | LAKEWOOD WI | 3 | 6,10 |
| WISCONSIN | | 3 | 5,95 |
| WISCONSIN | ORFORDVILLE WI | 5 | 6,99 |
| WISCONSIN | PARK FALLS WI | <u> </u> | 2,90 |
| WISCONSIN | PEPIN WI | 4 | 6,47 |
| WISCONSIN | PRAIRIE DU CHIEN WI | 4 | 2,38 |
| WISCONSIN | PRESCOTT WI | 1 | |
| WISCONSIN | RICE LAKE WI | 3 | 13,19 |
| WISCONSIN | ST CROIX FALLS WI | 3 | 4,56 |
| WISCONSIN Total | | 51 | 84,7 |
| Grand Total | | 1304 | 1,942,8 |



State of Allinois Office of The Secretary of State

Whereas, articles of incorporation of citizens telecommunications company of illinois incorporated under the laws of the state of illinois have been filed in the Office of the secretary of state as provided by the business corporation act of illinois, in force july 1, A.D. 1984

Now Therefore, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the **Application** of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this

day of FEBRUARY A.D. and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and

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Secretary of State

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(Rev. Jan. 1999)

Jesse White Secretary of State Department of Business Services Springfield, IL 62756 http://www.sos.state.il.us

Payment must be made by certified check. cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, Illinois C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."

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JESSE WHITE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!

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Date

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Approved:

I. CORPORATE NAME: CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

(The corporate name must contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated," "limited" or an abbreviation thereof.)

2. Initial Registered Agent:

ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY

First Name Middle Initial Last name

Initial Registered Office: 700 SOUTH SECOND STREET

Number Street Suite #
SPRINGFIELD |L SANGAMON 62704

City County Zip Code

Purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized:
 (If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)
 TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS LINES

4. Paragraph 1: Authorized Shares, Issued Shares and Consideration Received:

| Class | Par Value | Number of Shares | Number of Shares | Consideration to be |
|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | per Share | Authorized | Proposed to be Issued | Received Therefor |
| COMMON | \$ NP" | 1,000 | 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |

TOTAL = \$1,000

Paragraph 2: The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are:

(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

| 5. OPTIONAL: | (a) Number of directors constituting the init (b) Names and addresses of the oersdns v | | | nual meeting of |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| | shareholders or until their successors a Name | are elected and qualify: Residential Address | City | , State, ZIP |
| | John H. Casev, III 300 High Ric | | | |
| | Rudy J. Graf 300 High Ridge P | | 905 | |
| | Lenard Tow 300 High Ridge Parl | Stamford CT 06905 | | |
| 6. OPTIONAL: | (a) It is estimated that the value of all prop | perty to be owned by the | | |
| | corporation for the following year where | * | | |
| | (b) It is estimated that the value of the pro the State of Illinois during the following: | | | |
| | (c) It is estimated that the gross amount | | | |
| | transacted by the corporation during t | | | |
| | (d) It is estimated that the gross amount | | | |
| | transacted <i>from</i> places of business in the following year will be: | tne State of Illinois during | | |
| | the following year will be. | <u>_</u> | | |
| 7. OPTIONAL | OTHER PROVISIONS Attach a separate sheet of this size for an Incorporation, e.g., authorizing preemptive affairs, voting majority requirements, fixing a | rights, denying cumulative vo | oting, regulating in | |
| 8. | NAME(S) & ADDRESS(ES) (| OF INCORPORATOR(S) | | |
| | gned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under proporation are true. | enalties of perjury, that the s | statements made ir | n the foregoing |
| DatedF | ebruary 2 2000 |) | | |
| | (Month & Day) Year | | | |
| | Signature and Name | | Address | |
| | S CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY, | 1. 700 SOUTH SECOND | STREET | |
| Signatu | Ire A DELAWARE CORPORATION | Street SPRINGFIELD, ILLIN | NOIS 62 | 2704 |
| (Type o | or Print Nation | City/Town | State | ZIP Code |
| 2. | JAYEN | 2. SAME | | |
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| | DY Pright Napriley/ /// | Citv/Town | State | ZIP Code |
| 3 | | 3. SAME | | |
| Sighati | re GIBBS, ASTSECRETARY | Street | | |
| SHERYL A | or Print Name) | City/Town | State | ZIP Code |
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| (Signatures mu used on confor | st be in <u>BLACK INK</u> on original document. Car | bon copy, photocopy or rubb | per stamp signature | es may Only be |
| used oil collini | med cobies.) | | | 1.4 |

NOTE: If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its president or vice president and verified by him, and attested by its secretary or assistant secretary.

FEE SCHEDULE

- The initial franchise tax is assessed at the rate of 15/100 of 1 percent (\$1.50 per \$1,000) on the paid-in capital represented in this state, with a minimum Of \$25.
- The filing fee is \$75.
- The minimum total due (franchise tax + filing fee) is \$100. (Applies when the Consideration to be Received as set forth in Item 4 does not exceed \$16,667)

The Department of Business Services in Springfield will provide assistance in calculating the total fees if necessary. Springfield, IL 62756

Illinois Secretary of State

Telephone (217) 782-9522 or 782-9523 Department of Business Services



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do

hereby certify that CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FEBRUARY 2, 2000, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS******



In Testimony Whereof, I, hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this day of $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ FEBRUARY A.D. $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$



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CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY

Secretary's Certificate

I, Charles J. Weiss, the undersigned, Secretary of Citizens Utilities Company (the "Company"), a corporation validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on November 2, 1999, and that said resolutions have not been in any way rescinded, modified or revoked, but are still in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that the Company, or its subsidiaries, acquire for \$303 million certain local telephone exchange assets from GTE Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries now constituting approximately 110,000 access lines located in the state of Illinois; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company are authorized to execute, on behalf of the Company, an Asset Purchase Agreement for the assets referenced in the prior resolution; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company are hereby authorized to make application in the name of the Company to the FERC and any state regulatory commissions asserting financing jurisdiction over the Company for approval of financing necessary or desirable to effectuate the transactions provided for in the asset purchase agreements; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company are hereby authorized to make applications to the FCC and the Illinois Commerce Commission for all approvals necessary or desirable for the transfer of the local exchange assets to the Company or its subsidiaries, for the transfer of licenses, for operating authority and for all other approvals or authority deemed appropriate by the officers; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the transactions provided for in the asset purchase agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and the seal of the Company this day of February, 2000.

Charles J. Weiss

Secretary